

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified application.

With the present Amendment, applicant canceled the original claims and submitted a new set of claims, which substantially corresponds to the original claims and at the same time have been drafted in accordance with the U.S. Patent Practice.

A new abstract of the disclosure has been submitted, and the specification has been amended.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Striker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Striker
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 27233